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Notices & Events:

- May 3—*Mount Pleasant Riots & Latino Civil Rights Anniversary Meeting* with MPD at Council of Latino Agencies (CLA), 2437 15th St. NW from 9:30am to 12pm.
- May 3—*Abuela Latina International* (Latina Grandmothers Beauty Pageant) at the Raddison Barcelo Hotel, 2121 P Street NW at 6pm. Admission is \$25 per person.
- May 10—*Mayor's Crime and Prevention Town Hall*, 8:30am-1pm at Scripture Cathedral, 810 O St. NW.
- May 14—*Latino CBO Funding Development Roundtable*, 2-4pm, 2000 14th St. NW, 2nd Floor Conference Room, featuring a presentation by the DC Bar Association.
- May 19—*National Emergency Medical Services Week Kick-off* at Freedom Plaza, 1400 Pennsylvania Ave. at 11am.
- May 28—*OLA/DHS/DCPR Multicultural Informational Fair* on summer programs at Bell Multicultural High School, 3145 Hiatt Place NW from 6 to 8pm.
- May 29—*39th Annual Senior Day Celebration* at the DC Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place NW, Second Level, Hall D from 10am to 2pm.
- June 1—*Mt. Pleasant Day Festival*

State of Latino Kids in the District Report Released: Identifies Latino Children as "Statistically Invisible"

Culturally and linguistically isolated with rising high school drop-out and teen pregnancy rates, Latino kids in the District of Columbia face a greater need for access to the programs and services offered by DC agencies than ever before, according to "The State of Latino Kids in the District of Columbia" 2003 Report to be released by the Council of Latino Agencies (CLA) on May 12.

Current statistical information makes it difficult to know just how many children are in need and what specific services they require, and that leads to an inability for the District to provide or for Latino children to take advantage of all the resources available to them, according to the report.

"Latino children remain statistically invisible because much of the data collected by district

and national agencies are not disaggregated by ethnicity, gender and age," according to the report.

The key to providing and utilizing those services lies in language access, which can help ensure that the level of service parents can request for their children is not diminished, according to the report.

"For Latino families who confront language barriers, children's role as interpreters for parents, guardians and other relatives can take valu-

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MPD, Latino Community to Mend Relations on 12th Anniversary of Mt. Pleasant Riots

In the summer of 1992, DC's Latino residents took to the streets to protest the treatment they felt they were receiving at the hands of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

Twelve years later, the MPD and Latino community will meet again in a friendlier climate to discuss language barriers, immigration issues, the status of pending cases and the progress made since the Mt. Pleasant Riots took place.

The Council of Latino Agencies, in collaboration with OLA, MPD and various other agencies are

hosting a Commemorative Public Forum in Spanish, with simultaneous translation in English, on Saturday, May 3, 2003 at the Josephine Butler Community Center, 2437 15th Street, NW, from 9:30am to 12pm.

Mayor Anthony A. Williams, MPD Chief Charles Ramsey and Councilmember Jim Graham will be key speakers in the discussion, moderated by Univisión personality, Mario Sol. The Forum will also feature music from the Bell Multicultural High School Jazz Band.

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able time away from their education," according to the CLA report.

Latino enrollment in DC public schools doubled between 1990 and 2000 which, given the overall decline in total student enrollment, translates into even faster growth in the percentage of Latino enrollment, and over 15% of these students are linguistically isolated, according to the report.

However, the surge in Latino enrollment in public schools lies mainly at the elementary school level. Keeping Latino children and youth in school past a certain age proves increasingly difficult for a variety of reasons. Again economics is a factor, leading many children away from school and into the workforce to help support the family. In 2000, 75% of Latinas aged 16-19 were employed in full- or part-time jobs. According to the report, 23% of Latino children age 6-17 years-old live in poverty, and 69% of those children live in single-mother households.

The study found that an increase in violence, threats or injury to Latino students correlates with high drop out rates. In the past 5 years, drop outs have nearly doubled from 17% to 31% among the Latino student population due to fear of violence.

The CLA report also finds an increase in lead poisoning and asthma, and a deficiency in proper nutrition and immunization and teen pregnancy prevention among Latino youth.

Employment Opportunities

- *Salvation Army's Turning Point Center for Women & Children: Case Management Position*—The Salvation Army's, Turning Point Center for Women & Children, a two-year transitional living program for homeless families, announces the opening of a Case Management position. The position involves case management of resident families to ensure that both children's and parents' physical, mental, social, and educational needs are addressed within a client strengths and empowerment framework. Minimum of Bachelor of Social Work with 3 - 5 years of case management experience. Master of Social Work highly preferred. Bilingual skills are also a plus. Work requires flexible hours (some evening and weekend hours are necessary), on call rotations, valid driver's license, some use of own or T.S.A transportation. If interested, please fax resume and cover letter with salary requirements to Pam Lieber at fax # 202-667-8696
- *Central Virginia Counseling Group, Inc.: Social Work Position*—Growing private and progressive outpatient/home-based agency is seeking energetic, independent, hard-working, career oriented professionals to provide counseling and role-modeling services for at-risk children and families. This is a great opportunity to get tremendous experience while working on your LCSW—Supervision is provided! Flexible schedule and opportunities for growth. Positions available in Richmond and in Northern Virginia offices. Minimum requirements: Master's degree in social work or related field and great attitude. Entry level salary range \$15-20/hr DOE. Contact: Central Virginia Counseling Group, Inc. Attn: Christopher Baham, MSW, 12079 Gayton Rd., Richmond, VA 23233 or (804) 467-8867.
- *Child Trends is hiring Research Associates, Research Assistants in multiple content areas, and Summer Interns.* See <http://www.childtrends.org/jobannounce.asp> for job descriptions and instructions for applying.
- *La Clinica del Pueblo is seeking two full-time, bilingual (Spanish/English) RN/LPNs.* Experience in women's health and/or diabetes preferred. Knowledge of pediatrics or willingness to learn is necessary. This position is open to both board certified U.S. nurses and foreign nurses who are board eligible, meaning one must meet all education requirements and be willing to take the nursing board exam to become certified. Salary range: \$38,000 - \$40,000 with benefits. For more information, contact Meredith Josephs at (202) 464-4788.

Latino Merchants' Workshop

As part of OLA's continuing effort to improve access to resources for the Latino community in the public and private sectors, OLA is working in conjunction with the Latino Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) to develop a three-part series of Latino Merchants' Workshops.

The series is designed to inform Latino small business owners about the most effective ways to work with various DC agencies, apply for licenses and compete for government contracts, among other topics.

The Merchants' Workshop series will consist of three Tuesday morning breakfast roundtables, beginning June 10 and continuing in early September and November 2003.



MPD Working with Latino Residents to Strengthen PSA System

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is holding a series of meetings to solicit residents' comments and suggestions on improving the MPD Police Service Area (PSA) system.

Latino residents in District 3 can meet with their local officers on Wednesday, May 1, 2003 at 7pm at the Third District Station, 1620 V Street, NW. More information about the PSA structure is available on the MPD website at www.mpd.dc.gov.